

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
June 5, 2018**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk, RMC

Supervisor Shannon Harris called the Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Comment – none

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town of Esopus collected the sales tax checks for the first two quarters of 2018. The first quarter check was \$43,409.85 and second quarter \$38,473.89.

The initial check of \$10,000 was received from BQ Solar for the West Shore Drive Lease Option.

Hudson River Drinking Water Inter-Municipal MOA was signed by the Supervisor on May 31, 2018.

“Chester”: Volunteers willing to harvest the water chestnuts should contact Carol Tomassetti (845) 594-9045.

Little Free Library – Cas Landi Park

On June 10th Girl Scout Troop 60162 will have the grand opening of their Little Free Library at 12:30 pm at Cas Landi Park. A local author will do a reading at the St Remy Fire House on 564 Main Street at 2pm. Refreshments will be served.

CPC Update

June 14th, stakeholder groups including EMS, Fire Departments, Laberge and CPC will review what they heard from the public at the open houses. The CPC is gathering the department heads from these agencies together because they want to make sure everyone is on the same page with the plan before it is rolled out. The CPC will ask the department heads to encourage their whole company to come to the event on June 21st.

Preview of Master Plan will be June 21, 2018 from 5pm – 7pm followed by the Town Board Meeting. A presentation of the progress will be given which includes slides, pictures, graphs and renderings. Laberge Group will explain what our next move will be and give guidance. There will also be a question and answer section for the public.

PORT EWEN POST OFFICE UPDATE

Building Inspector, Sal Morello, has inspected the Post Office on Wednesday and said the landlord had met and cured violations that were sited. The USPS sent inspectors to further analyze the mold issues. The opinion of the NYS Department of Health Public Health Specialist, Nathan Walz, in the Bureau of Toxic Substances Assessment, regarding a mold issue was sent to the USPS. The Post Office was unable to give Supervisor Harris a date of reopening. Supervisor Harris has called Congressman Faso’s office to assist in pressing the Post Office for a reopen date.

LABERGE GROUP CONTRACT ADDENDUM

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ADDENDUM FOR LABERGE GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800 TO DEVELOP A 2018 CFA GRANT APPLICATION TO UPDATE THE LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN (LWRP) AND TO CREATE HAMLET REVITALIZATION PLANS FOR THE TOWN OF ESOPUS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**Sturgeon Pond and the Wallkill Waterfront are also to be included.

Bids for Solarize Esopus are due June 4, 2018.

Bids were received from the following companies in New York:

Apex	Queensbury	\$2.65 per watt
Lotus Solar	Hudson	\$3.22 per watt
Plug PV	Albany	\$2.90 per watt
Solar Liberty	Buffalo	*no per watt pricing could be found, it appears they offer a leasing option.

The bids have been forwarded to the Environmental Board for further review. After receiving the input from the Environmental Board, the Town Board will award the bid at a future Town Board meeting.

Miscellaneous

Solar

Sal Morello will be asked to attend the next workshop meeting to discuss a draft of a local law to deal with Solar and Renewable Energy. Fees will also need to be discussed.

Filming in Esopus

Suzanne Holt will be contacted to see what procedure is needed to implement a permit process and fee schedule for filming in Esopus.

Saugerties Animal Shelter Contract

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH SAUGERTIES ANIMAL SHELTER TO HARBOR OUR DOGS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11 PER DAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GEUSS. ALL MEMEBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC